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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2002. A one-month extension of time is requested herewith. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 7 are pending in the application, claim 7 is allowed, and claim 1 is rejected. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.